



The National 4-H Youth Directions Council In Transition Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will N4-HYDC continue to be involved with National 4-H Conference?

N4-HYDC will play a major role in the planning and delivery of National 4-H Conference. This year, for example, N4-HYDC Leadership Team Members will be workshop presenters, serve on the planning team, and work to build relationships with 4-H youth leaders present from across the country. Moreover, our annual Leadership Team Retreat will occur in conjunction with National Conference. However, N4-HYDC training will no longer take place at National 4-H Conference. National Conference delegates **do not need to be identified** for Conference 2005.

Q: Where will N4-HYDC training take place and what will it encompass?

N4-HYDC training will be a four day event during National 4-H Week in October 2005. One youth delegate and one adult partner should attend from each state. The training will consist of separate and joint sessions for youth and adults and will prepare both to work in partnership in creating change in the community and preparing other young people to do the same.

Q: How do I choose the youth and adult delegate?

Youth delegates should be 4-H leaders between the ages of 16-21. Adult partners preferably come from the state staff, but may also be county or regional educators who are connected within the 4-H system. We will provide more details and guidelines for selection as the time nears.

Q: What is the timeline for selection, training, and work?

Current N4-HYDC delegates will continue to represent your state until October 2005, when our first N4-HYDC Conference takes place. Delegates to that conference should be selected by June 2005. Incoming members will serve an 18 month commitment. For six months, they will partner with the outgoing member, for six, work on their own, and for the final six, mentor the incoming person.

Q: What will the member be expected to do and how will they be held accountable?

The youth and adult team will develop a plan for work at N4-HYDC Conference. They will be expected to both carry out this plan in their home states and train 4-H and other youth in the skills they develop at N4-HYDC Conference. MetLife has generously awarded us competitive grants for which our members can apply to fund their work back home. Those who evidence the most success will be invited to return to N4-HYDC Conference and attend National 4-H Conference to share that success.

Q: What is the financial burden?

N4-HYDC Conference will be funded in its entirety by private funding. We will award each state a stipend for youth travel, though adult partner travel will not be funded. Therefore, the only burden on the states will be air travel or ground transportation for adult partners and the costs associated with that.